

## Public Comments: Durham (Chico), December 9

- Governor Wilson was on TV today regarding CALFED. He said "We're considering two new reservoirs and alternate conveyance." It sounds like he has some strange sites in mind.
- It is frustrating. Southern California believes the Bay-Delta is a source of water. CALFED contributes to that belief. But in fact, Northern California is the source. Please educate Southern California regarding the source of water.
- Importance of salmon -- the water quality needs to be maintained.
- Water transfers -- what do you base overdraft on? One year? Seven years?
- Water use efficiency - conjunctive use - concerned with defining what we mean by these terms.
- What does the term "water right" mean if you are a property owner?
- If this is a voluntary effort why are eminent domain proceedings being filed by DWR?
- Proposed expenditures are \$2 million for special programs. What are the programs? How do we have input?
  - Integrated Implementation strategy
  - CMARP (IEP, estuary project)
  - Water management
  - Coordinated permitting
- Which work groups will oversee these programs?
- Please explain Aquifer storage to us.
- Could you please explain the proposal for creating a water transfer clearinghouse -- Chicago-style commodities market.
- How do options contracts work?
- Upper watershed management, USFS lacks scientific knowledge of watershed management
- Concern with USFS telling everyone what to do.
- SWRCB representative said all water rights are on the table and are being renegotiated. What do you know about this and how does it impact your plans?

- Reconcile this for us in your timeline: SWRCB has a draft EIR out. Hearings are starting in March 1998.
- Groundwater - need some absolute groundwater quality standards. Boards get appointed or elected and sellout. What about third party impacts.
- How would you define local cooperation regarding water transfers? Terribly concerned that water districts and agricultural money have more power, slanted interest. Concern regarding these politicians making decisions that can damage the environment or groundwater over time.
- How detailed will environmental document be? DWR document was pathetic. Will area of origin be addressed?
- When will you deal with the area of origin study?
- Will you transfer the responsibility to companies for studies?
- Who will pay for the studies?
- How will these be paid for? From Prop 204? Fees?
- How do you intend to monitor the water quality?
- Regarding CMARP - Will you integrate with existing programs or start your own?
- Regarding Prop 204 - Butte Creek Canyon - \$150 thousand of \$187 thousand. Where is the other \$37 thousand going?
- Groundwater - When are these hundreds of thousands of feet of groundwater directing land use changes? Please explain.
- How is conjunctive use going to work in the east side of the valley?
- What about the county of origin water rights?
- Can you do another meeting like this farther north?
- Groundwater and recharge - When will recharge take place? I believe in floodplains - move levees back, and there is less of a chance of flooding.

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- Winter run streams - Maintenance flows
- Butte Basin - farmers here depend on groundwater. Also - domestic wells.
- The almond crop this year is very good. Probably 70 percent of farmers are on groundwater. The last time the Butte Basin gave water, it was disastrous.
- How do we transport the water?
- Please talk more about risks. What protection is there for this area?
- DWR eminent domain proceedings - the ground is from Williams to Red Bluff - not a small area. It is most of the west side of Sacramento Valley.
- Will there be a meeting regarding how CALFED will affect private property rights.
- Please discuss BDAC this Friday. Will the draft EIRs be discussed?
- Please talk about B-2 process.
- Assurances -- We had assurance for Shasta Dam/Sacramento River that weren't met. Is that going to happen again?
- Enhancements -- Road taken out to build dam, and it is still not replaced.